

## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the production of an aromatic or heteroaromatic fluorine-labelled compound comprising fluoridation of an iodonium salt of Formula (I) or (II):



wherein:

Q is an electron deficient aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety;

each of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> is independently hydrogen, -O(C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl) or C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl; and

$\text{Y}^-$  is a counter ion such as trifluoromethane sulfonate (triflate), perfluoro  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl sulphonate, trifluoroacetate, methane sulfonate (mesylate), toluene sulfonate. (tosylate), tetraphenylborate;

to give a product of general formula (III):



where Q is substituted with one or more substituents selected from  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl,  $-O(C_{1-10}$  alkyl),  $-C(=O)C_{1-10}$  alkyl,  $-C(=O)NR^6(C_{1-10}$  alkyl),  $-(C_1-C_6$  alkyl)-O-( $C_1-C_6$  alkyl),  $C_{5-14}$  aryl,

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-O(C<sub>5-14</sub> aryl), -C(=O)C<sub>5-14</sub> aryl, -C(=O)NR<sup>6</sup>(C<sub>5-14</sub> aryl, C<sub>5-14</sub> heteroaryl, -O(C<sub>5-14</sub> heteroaryl), -C(=O)C<sub>5-14</sub> heteroaryl, -C(=O)NR<sup>6</sup>(C<sub>5-14</sub> heteroaryl), C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl, -O(C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl), -C(=O)(C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl), -C(=O)NR<sup>6</sup>(C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl), C<sub>3-10</sub> heterocyclyl, -O(C<sub>3-10</sub> heterocyclyl), -C(=O)(C<sub>3-10</sub> heterocyclyl), -C(=O)NR<sup>6</sup>(C<sub>5-14</sub> heterocyclyl) with a fluoride ion source characterised in that the reaction solvent is either 100% water or a mixture of water and a water miscible solvent comprises water.

2. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction solvent is 100% water.

3. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the reaction solvent is a mixture of water and a water miscible solvent.

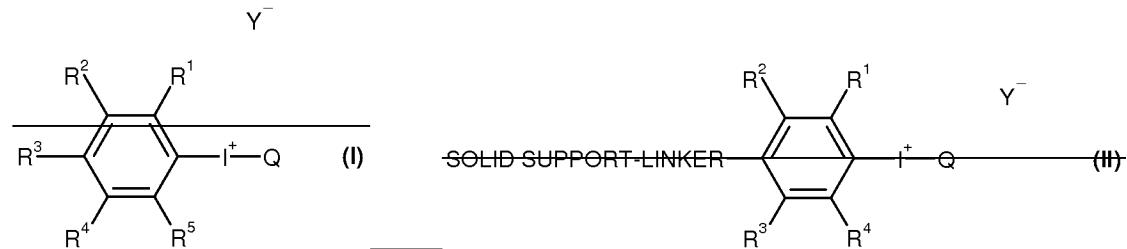
4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 3, wherein the water miscible solvent is acetonitrile, ethanol, methanol, tetrahydrofuran or dimethylformamide.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 3 wherein the volume:volume ratio of water:water-miscible solvent is between 1:99 and 1:1.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the volume:volume ratio of water:water-miscible solvent is from 10:90 to 30:70.

7. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fluoride ion source is potassium, caesium or sodium fluoride.

8. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 for the fluoridation of an iodonium salt of Formula (I) or (II):



wherein:

Q is an electron deficient aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety;

each of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> is independently hydrogen, O(C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl) or C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl; and

Y<sup>-</sup> is a counter ion such as trifluoromethane sulfonate (triflate), perfluoro-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl sulphonate, trifluoroacetate, methane sulfonate (mesylate), toluene sulfonate (tosylate), tetraphenylborate;

to give a product of general formula (III):



where Q is as defined for general formulae (I) and (II).

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 8, wherein each of R<sup>1</sup>-R<sup>5</sup> is independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl and -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl).

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 8 wherein, in the compound of Formula II, the “solid support” is polystyrene, polyacrylamide, polypropylene or glass or silicon coated with such a polymer.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 8 wherein the solid support is in the form of small discrete particles or is a coating on the inner surface of a reaction vessel.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 8, wherein, in the compound of Formula II the “linker” is C<sub>1-20</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-20</sub> alkoxy, attached to the resin by an amide ether or a sulphonamide bond or a polyethylene glycol (PEG) linker.

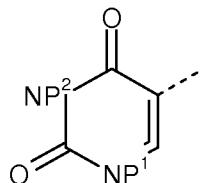
13. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 8 wherein the aromatic group Q is substituted with one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl, O(C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl), C(=O)C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl, C(=O)NR<sup>6</sup>(C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl), (C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)O(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl), C<sub>5-14</sub> aryl, O(C<sub>5-14</sub> aryl), C(=O)C<sub>5-14</sub> aryl, C(=O)NR<sup>6</sup>(C<sub>5-14</sub> aryl), C<sub>5-14</sub> heteroaryl, O(C<sub>5-14</sub> heteroaryl), C(=O)C<sub>5-14</sub> heteroaryl, C(=O)NR<sup>6</sup>(C<sub>5-14</sub> heteroaryl), C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl, O(C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl), C(=O)(C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl), C(=O)NR<sup>6</sup>(C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl), C<sub>3-10</sub> heteroeycyl, O(C<sub>3-10</sub> heteroeycyl), C(=O)(C<sub>3-10</sub> heteroeycyl), C(=O)NR<sup>6</sup>(C<sub>5-14</sub> heteroeycyl), wherein R<sup>6</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> heterocycl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl or C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> heteroaryl;

any of which may optionally be substituted with OH, NHR<sup>6</sup>, COOH or protected versions any of these groups; or alternatively

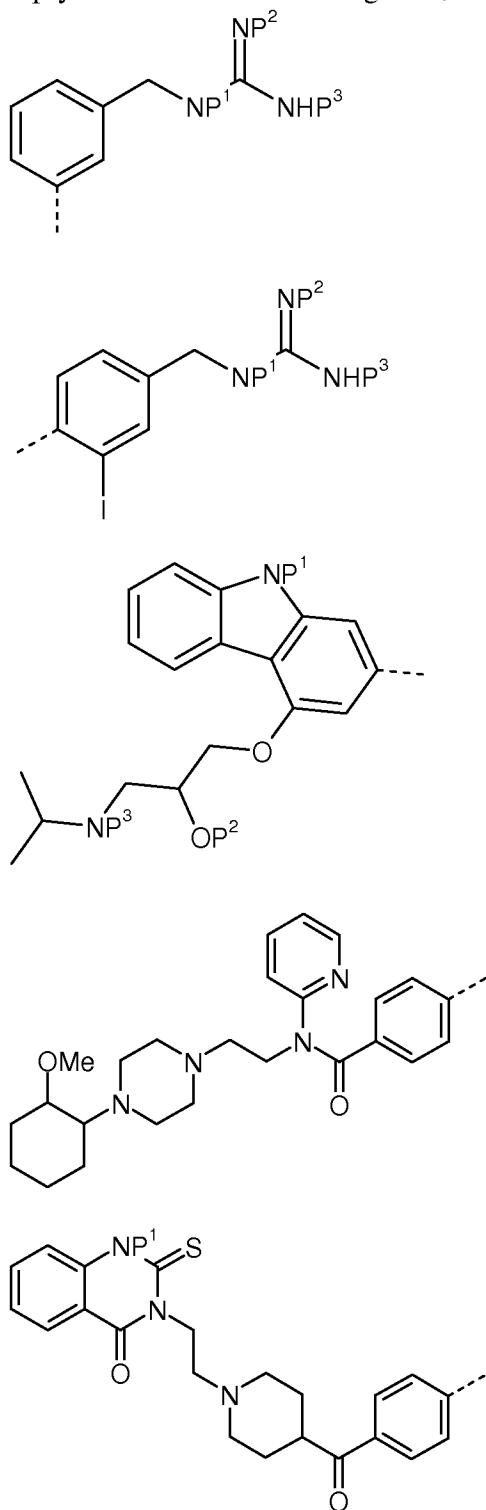
any two adjacent substituents may form a four- to six-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, optionally fused to a further aromatic, heteroaromatic, carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 43, wherein the aromatic moiety Q has an additional substituent selected from OH, NHR<sup>6</sup> or halogen.

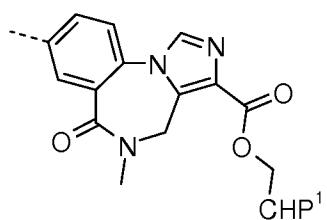
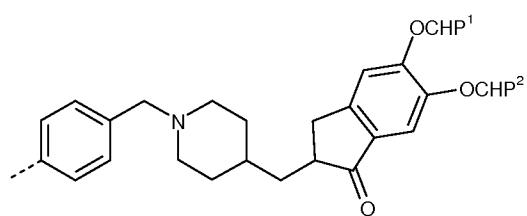
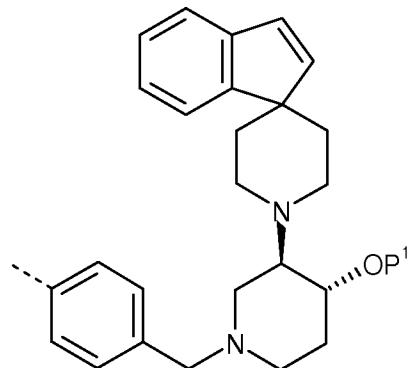
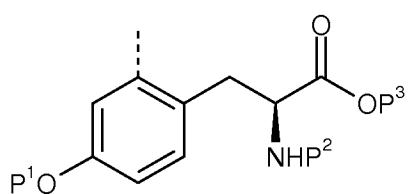
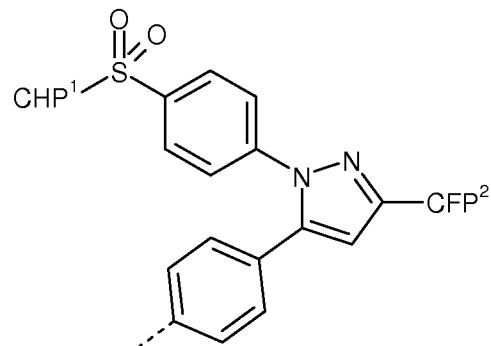
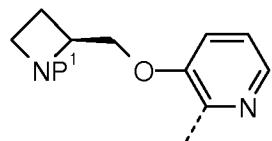
15. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 8, wherein the group Q is one of the following:

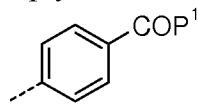


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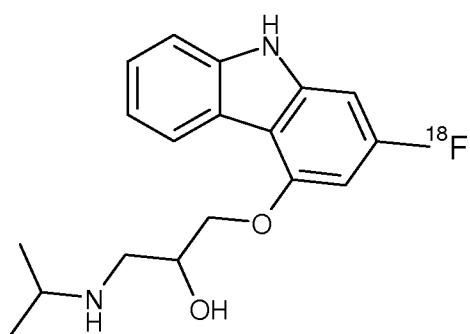
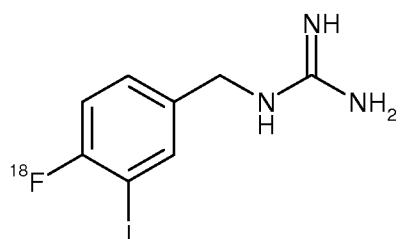
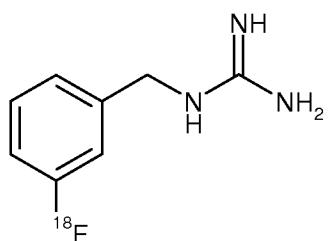
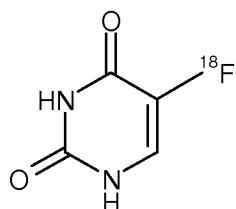
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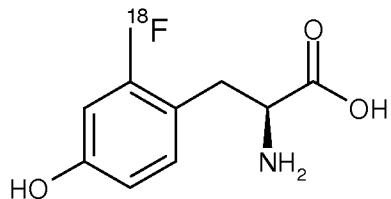
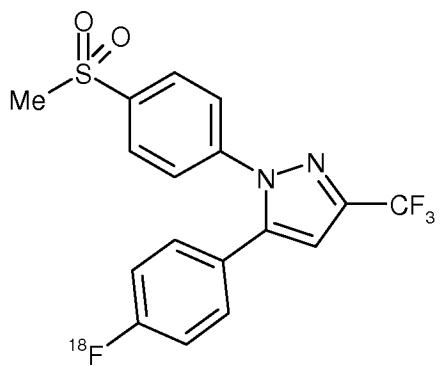
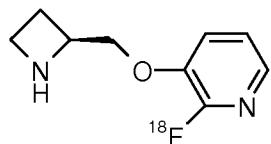
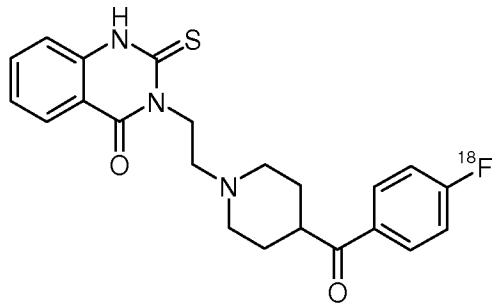
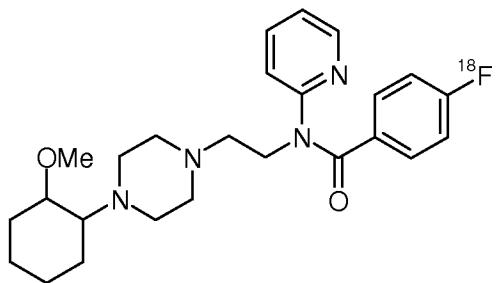


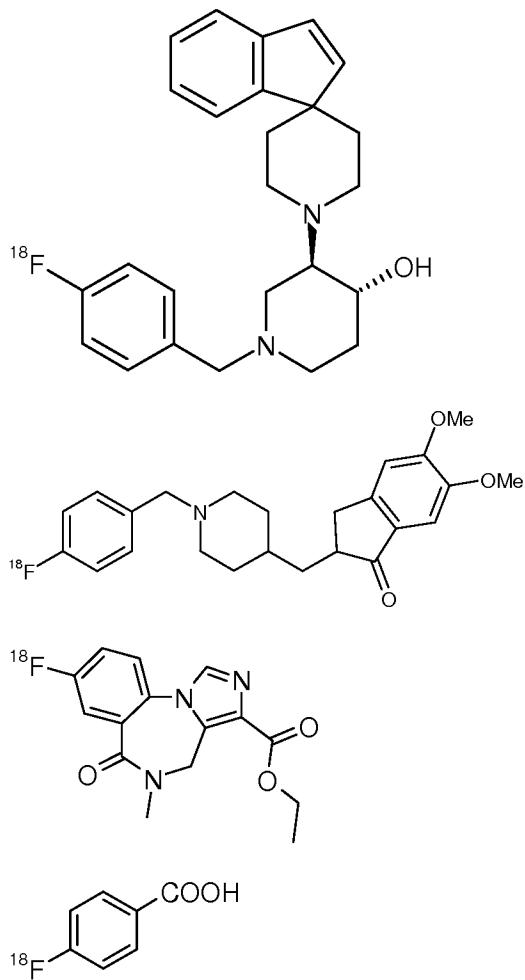
16. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fluorine-labelled compound is an [<sup>18</sup>F]-labelled compound and the fluoride ion source is a source of <sup>18</sup>F<sup>-</sup>.

17. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the F-labelled compound is selected from the following:



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18. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further including, in any order, one or more of the following steps: removal of excess  $^{18}\text{F}^-$ , for example by ion-exchange chromatography; and/or

- removal of the protecting groups; and/or
- removal of organic solvent; and/or
- formulation of the resultant compound as an aqueous solution.

19. (Original) A kit for the production of an aromatic fluorine-labelled compound, the kit comprising:

- a vial containing an aqueous solvent for dissolving the fluoride ion source; and

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(ii) a reaction vessel containing an iodonium salt.

20. (Original) A kit as claimed in claim 19, wherein the solvent is 100% water.

21. (Original) A kit as claimed in claim 19 wherein the solvent is a mixture of water and a water miscible solvent.

22. (Original) A kit as claimed in claim 21, wherein the water miscible solvent is acetonitrile, ethanol, methanol, tetrahydrofuran or dimethylformamide.

23. (Previously presented) A kit as claimed in claim 21 wherein the volume:volume ratio of water:water-miscible solvent is between 1:99 and 1:1.

24. (Original) A kit as claimed in claim 23 wherein the volume:volume ratio of water:water-miscible solvent is from 10:90 to 30:70.

25. (Previously presented) A kit as claimed in claim 19 wherein the iodonium salt is compound of general formula (I) or (II).

26. (Previously presented) A kit as claimed in claim 20 wherein the iodonium salt is a compound of general formula (II) and the solid support comprises a coating on the surface of the reaction vessel.

27. (Previously presented) A kit as claimed in claim 19, wherein the reaction vessel is a cartridge or a microfabricated vessel.

28. (Previously presented) A kit as claimed in claim 19, further comprising a source of fluoride ions.